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SUBJ: VISITING CENTO SEC GEN CRITICIZES US ARMS POLICY TOWARDS
TURKEY

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1. DURING PRESS INTERVIEW IN TEHRAN MARCH 19, VISITING CENTO
SECRETARY GENERAL BAYULKEN STATED TURKEY HAS NOT
THREATENED TO QUIT CENTO AS SUGGESTED EARLIER BUT THAT
TURKISH-US RELATIONS ARE QTE EXPOSED TO DANGER UNQTE.
BAYULKEN EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER US BAN ON ARMS TO TURKEY
BUT TOOK NOTE OF FORD ADMINISTRATION'S EFFORTS TO REMEDY
SITUATION. HE HOPED THOSE EFFORTS WOULD SUCCEED
BECAUSE CONTINUATION OF ARMS EMBARGO WOULD PROBABLY
RESULT IN REVISION OF TURKEY'S COMMITMENTS TO NATO
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AND GROWTH OF TENSION IN TURKISH-US RELATIONS.

2. BAYULKEN DESCRIBED CENTO AS SECURITY SHIELD WHICH WAS WORKING WITH RCD TO FOSTER PEACEFUL COOPERATION AMONG MEMBERS. HE STRESSED THAT CENTO MEMBERS HAVE ALWAYS ENJOYED HEALTHY RELATIONS WITH EACH OTHER WITHOUT THREAT OR CONFRONTATION.

3. SECGEN DEPARTED IRAN MARCH 20 FOR PAKISTAN.

4. COMMENT: FACT THAT BAYULKEN IS FORMER TURKISH FOREIGN MINISTER MAY LEND HIS REMARKS ABOUT US RELATIONS MORE WEIGHT THAN MIGHT ORDINARILY BE GIVEN TO VIEWS OF CENTO OFFICIAL.
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